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# Jasper Park Lodge & Minaki Lodge

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ELK ON OUTSKIRTS OF JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE



# JASPER NATIONAL PARK

## *Playground of a Continent*

WHEN Man, instead of trying to improve upon the handiwork of the all-wise Creator, is content to confine his comparatively puny efforts to making more accessible and enjoyable to other men the benefits and blessings of the great out-of-doors, then is attained something closely approaching perfection in the matter of a vacation land.

In the development of Jasper National Park, embracing a 5,300 square mile kingdom in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, the efforts of engineer and builder have wisely been so confined. The building of bridges, highways and trails, radiating from a focal point to places of beauty and interest in every direction, and the creation, within this vast holiday land, of facilities for every comfort and enjoyment of life, these have been the objects which lay behind the efforts of engineers and constructors. And the result is, in the words of a well-known writer: "A place where God and man went fifty-fifty to attain perfection."

Envision, if you will, a veritable kingdom of cloud-piercing mountain peaks; of age-old ice-fields, with here and there a translucent lake, set in pleasant valley. The music of the heights is a wild, mad music, of tumbling rock and glacier, of brawling torrent and waterfall. But in the pleasant valleys there is another kind of music; a music of peace; the songs of birds, the "plash" of beaver, startled at their engineering works, or the cry of wild thing. It is a peace "far from the madding crowd" where the cares of the workaday world are forgotten. And in the midst of all this grandeur—JASPER-PARK-LODGE—designed and built to provide every creature comfort that the visitor to Canada's premier playground would desire.

There is but one way of reaching this magnificent holiday kingdom—by travelling abroad the Trans-Continental trains of the Canadian National Railways system, and the holiday-maker who makes this visit will find it a succession of delights. Whether one approach from the east or from the west, that approach is but a foretaste of the good things to follow. Detraining at Jasper station, the village being the only centre of population within the Park limits, one finds mountains, seemingly within a stone's throw, beckoning the newcomer to their heights. Pyramid Mountain, remarkable among peaks for its vivid colorings; Mt. Edith Cavell, stern and majestic memorial to a heroic nurse; the Whistlers and Colin Range, the old Roche Bonhomme ever on guard—these are a few of the sights which charm from the moment of leaving the train. And then, the speedy journey over three miles of well-paved road to Jasper Park Lodge bring new treats at every turn of the winding highway. Now it is the broad Athabasca, hurrying northward, or a glimpse of Canada's most famous golf course, laid out in the broad Athabasca Valley, or again it may be the first series of glimpses of Jasper Park Lodge, nestling beneath the trees of the far side of Lac Beauvert (The Beautiful Green Lake).

The builders of Jasper Park Lodge might easily have erred; they might have transplanted into these surroundings a many-storeyed structure such as one would expect to find in great cities. Instead they chose to plan a lodge, in its conception a part of the surroundings. No clash here between the buildings and the terrain on which they are constructed. Instead, the Lodge, built of native logs and boulders, is planned and finished in a style by which it blends into its surroundings. Of the log cabin style, it contains all that is necessary to enjoyment of life. A central building, one of the largest log cabins in the world, contains the dining rooms, rotundas, ballroom and convention quarters, the administration offices and the other necessary parts of the hotel. Within this building also there are a number of bedrooms, available for those who prefer them to rooms within the separate cabins, while broad verandahs stretch down toward the Lake. The majority of the guests, however, are housed in separate log bungalows in avenues along the shores of Lac Beauvert upon which the Lodge faces. Here are found all the comforts of the modern hotel, with the novelty of life in log buildings; for these cabins are centrally-heated, have electric lights and hot and cold running water, while many of them have private baths.

Excellent trails and motor roads lead to various outstanding beauty spots throughout the Park for the convenience of hiker, horse-back rider and motorist. There is boating on Lac Beauvert and swimming may be enjoyed either in the inviting swimming pool in connection with Jasper Park Lodge, where the crystal clear water is filtered, heated and constantly changed, or in a cold Alpine tarn. There is a marvellous 18-hole scenic golf course, 6245 yards in length, which experts have pronounced to be one of the best they have seen. Splendid tennis courts are located near the Lodge. The best of horses and guides are available for short rides or for long trips by pack-train throughout the Park and to the big game country just beyond its confines where big-horn mountain sheep, mountain goat, moose, caribou, deer and the much sought grizzly bear, abound. Mountain-climbing parties and fishing parties are arranged at the Lodge.

On all sides of Jasper Park Lodge great mountains bulk against the sky. Behind it rises the Colin Range, grey and gaunt. To the right, in contrast, Pyramid Mountain stands on guard above the Athabasca Valley, its glowing color challenging the roseate hues of the sunset. Further to the right, the Whistlers, tree-clad almost to the top, fling themselves across one whole side of the Valley to end beside Mount Edith Cavell, the Queen of the Rockies, that, snow-clad glacier-hung, rises in regal splendor over 11,000 feet in altitude. To the left loom Kerkeslin, terraced and snow-capped; Tekarra with its fortress-like abutment and Signal, from whose heights in days gone by, the lonely trader signalled the advance of voyageurs up the valley on their way to the Pacific.



JASPER PARK LODGE ON LAC BEAUVERT. "THE GEM OF THE ROCKIES"





GLACIER OF THE ANGELS," MOUNT EDITH CAVELL



NEAR MOUNT EDITH CAVELL

THIS MOUNTAIN WAS SO NAMED TO COMMEMORATE  
EDITH CAVELL, THE HEROIC BRITISH WAR NURSE





MAIN DINING ROOM, JASPER PARK LODGE





ROTUNDA, JASPER PARK LODGE





A VIEW OF THE CABINS, JASPER PARK LODGE



THE SWIMMING POOL, WHERE YOUNG AND OLD ENJOY THEMSELVES





BASTIEN PEAK, NEAR JASPER PARK LODGE IN JASPER NATIONAL PARK



AMETHYST LAKE & THE RAMPARTS, NEAR JASPER PARK LODGE



MOUNT ROBSON—THE HIGHEST PEAK IN THE  
CANADIAN ROCKIES—12,972 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL



MALIGNE CANYON, JASPER NATIONAL PARK





ON THE DRIVE TO MOUNT EDITH CAVELL FROM JASPER PARK LODGE



TOTEM POLE TROPHY  
FIRST PRIZE OF THE JASPER PARK LODGE, ANNUAL GOLF WEEK  
THIS TOURNAMENT TAKES PLACE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.



OFF FOR A MORNING RIDE AT JASPER PARK LODGE





6TH HOLE IN RETROSPECT—JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE. PYRAMID MOUNTAIN IN THE DISTANCE



10TH FAIRWAY, JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE



APPROACHING 18TH GREEN, JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE THE COLIN RANGE IN THE DISTANCE



2ND FAIRWAY, JASPER PARK LODGE GOLF COURSE, SHOWING OLD MAN MOUNTAIN IN THE DISTANCE



"RAVEN TOTEM POLE" AT CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS STATION, JASPER, ALTA



"HOODOOS" ON THE MOTOR DRIVE TO MOUNT EDITH CAVELL



## MINAKI—"Gem of the Lakes."

*"And the evening sun descending,*

*Left upon the level water,*

*One long track and trail of splendor."*

SURELY, in penning his never-to-be-forgotten lines, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow must have visioned such a place as Minaki, Canada's delightful summer resort on the Winnipeg River, at the northern edge of the Lake of the Woods area. Certain it is that "the evening sun descending" leaves a trail of splendor as one sits on spacious verandah of main lodge or detached cabin, at peace with the world after a day or days spent in this land of charm.

The Indian, with his aptitude for place-names, called this "Mee-Naw-kee," which in the white man's tongue became "Minaki, the Beautiful Country." And, as Jasper Park Lodge has been hailed as "Gem of the Rockies" so Minaki Lodge, in its entrancing lake and forest setting, has become the "Gem of the Lakes."

The tourist crossing Canada finds just 114 miles east of Winnipeg, a delightful stop-over from his continuous train journey. Until he leaves the Canadian National train which is bearing him between East and West, through maze of forest and waterway, he may ask himself how anyone could select, from among the many beauty spots any one location of more charm than another. Let him but set foot on one of the many tree-lined pathways radiating from Minaki Lodge, however, or journey by canoe or motor-boat along one of the inviting waterways which beckon him, and he knows not how the selection was made but at least that it was wisely made.

It is a historic setting in which the visitor finds himself, for this was the canoe-way of pre-railroad days. Here the voyageur, en route between East and West, halted that he might camp awhile amid natural splendor. Here La Verandrye, picturesque figure of New France, followed the moonbeam trail westward to the Great Plains, and here also Wolseley led his men in canoes and other craft to quell the Riel Rebellion of the Seventies.

To-day the war drums roll no longer. Minaki is a peaceful land, where modern water craft bear on the surface of lake or river holiday-makers whose happy faces bespeak healthful days and evenings, spent in this land where tang of spruce and balsam permeate the air.

And Minaki Lodge itself! Seemingly the builders planned that it might meet every mood of its surroundings. Log and stone buildings seem almost to melt into the adjacent landscape, so well have they been harmonized with their tree-dotted grounds. Here is a summer bungalow hotel, planned on delightful lines. A spacious Main Lodge, fronting on the wide expanse where the river becomes a lake, combines within its walls all the requirements of a modern hotel and golf house. And the latter is important, for at the doors of this Lodge lie one of the most charming and sporty golf courses to be found in this region of beauty—"Out where the West begins."

Besides the Main Lodge, of log and boulder construction, which contains in its several wings, dining room, ballroom, convention hall and lounges, guest bedrooms and administration quarters, there are log bungalows, each having bedrooms, bathroom and with central recreation room where cards may be played or afternoon tea served. These are built along the lake shore, where the fringe of evergreen forest comes down to meet the murmuring waters, and again the architects have planned that the guests' bungalows shall become part of the general scheme of beauty rather than form a contrast with it.

One need not dilate upon the appointments and the services of this ideal bungalow hotel. It is a Canadian National Railway Hotel, providing for its guest every comfort and convenience of city hostelry and withall retaining the rustic atmosphere so greatly to be desired.

Just as if the Lodge were a Golf Club, one steps off the verandah to the first tee and the home green is in close proximity. Spectators on the verandah are thus privileged to witness the start and finish of the game. The first and ninth are holes of distinct individuality, each requiring two well-played shots to get home. The lake skirts most of the fairways with high wooded land on the other side. The greens are boldly contoured and well trapped. Another pair that can be grouped are the second and sixth, both fine two shot holes with the tee shots over the brow of a hill and undulating fairways sloping down to nicely shaped greens. The third is long and straight from a high tee over the fairway to an elevated green. This is partly paralleled by the seventh, which is the longest of the one shot holes. The fourth is a pleasant drive and pitch. The other two holes are mashie and iron shots so that there is a fine variety. The fairways are of ample width, but being generally through the woods put a premium on direction. The greens are well trapped, but the bunkers are not exceptionally severe. The putting surfaces have natural undulations and much variety.

Another feature at Minaki are the very fine tennis courts where many fine players congregate.

An every-day fisherman will find plenty of sport within easy distance of the Lodge, and the keen fisherman, accompanied by excellent guides, in reliable motor boats, or specially constructed skiffs with outboard motors, may obtain good fishing with the minimum of trouble.

Muskellunge, pike and pickerel are native to the waters, and afford splendid sport. There are some black, bass and speckled trout. An hour's paddle from the Lodge, followed by an easy half-mile portage through pleasant woods lies Vermilion Lake where there are grey trout.

Larger motor boats from Minaki Lodge take parties of guests on many outings, from one lake to another, passing hundreds of islands amidst scenery which cannot be translated into words, over waters so full of lore of the old-time tales, waters placid or foaming with waterfalls and rapids. One of the loveliest is to Kenora, twenty miles south, where, at the Dalles, there is a narrow rock-bound channel, always mentioned in the writings of the early travellers.

Another all-day trip is to White Dog Falls, about fourteen miles down this ancient highway. As one speeds over the lakes, dotted with islands, one may glimpse, through the trees, many summer homes and in the sheltered bays many boat landings jut into the blue waters.

The boathouse at the Lodge has a fine collection of craft of all kinds. There are numerous canoes, row boats, motor launches and out-board motor boats.

For bathing there is every facility and the diving boards, dock floats, children's bathing pool, etc., are up-to-date.



MINAKI LODGE, MINAKI, ONTARIO ON THE TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE OF THE  
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, 114 MILES EAST OF WINNIPEG, MAN.





A SUMMER HOME ON THE WINNIPEG RIVER, NEAR MINAKI LODGE, MINAKI, ONT.



TENNIS AT MINAKI LODGE WHERE THE GUESTS TRY THEIR SKILL  
ON TWO OF THE FINEST CONSTRUCTED COURTS IN CANADA



SITTING ROOM OF 10 ROOM CABIN, MINAKI LODGE



RESTING UP ON ONE OF THE COOL VERANDAHS OF MINAKI LODGE AFTER  
A STRENUOUS MORNING ON THE SPORTY NINE HOLE GOLF COURSE.

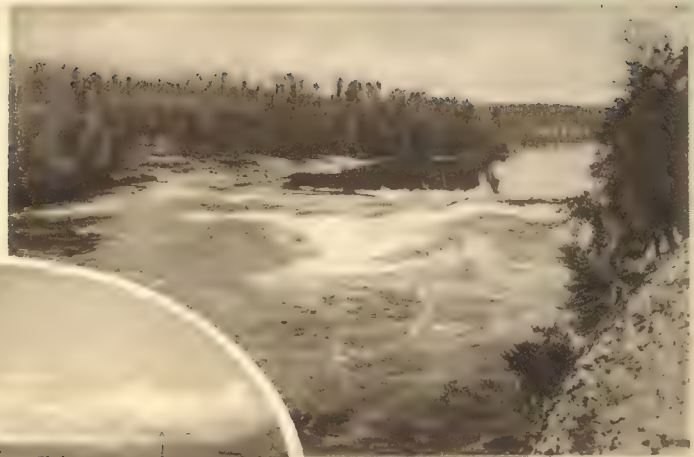




2ND FAIRWAY, MINAKI LODGE GOLF COURSE, THIS IS A DOG LEG TO THE LEFT AND  
REQUIRES A PERFECT TEE SHOT TO HAVE A CHANCE OF PARRING THE HOLE IN FOUR.



A GUEST FROM MINAKI LODGE RETURNING WITH A MORNING'S CATCH ON THE WINNIPEG RIVER



"WHITE DOG FALLS," A PICTURESQUE SPOT FOR PICNICS, ARRANGED FOR THE GUESTS OF MINAKI LODGE

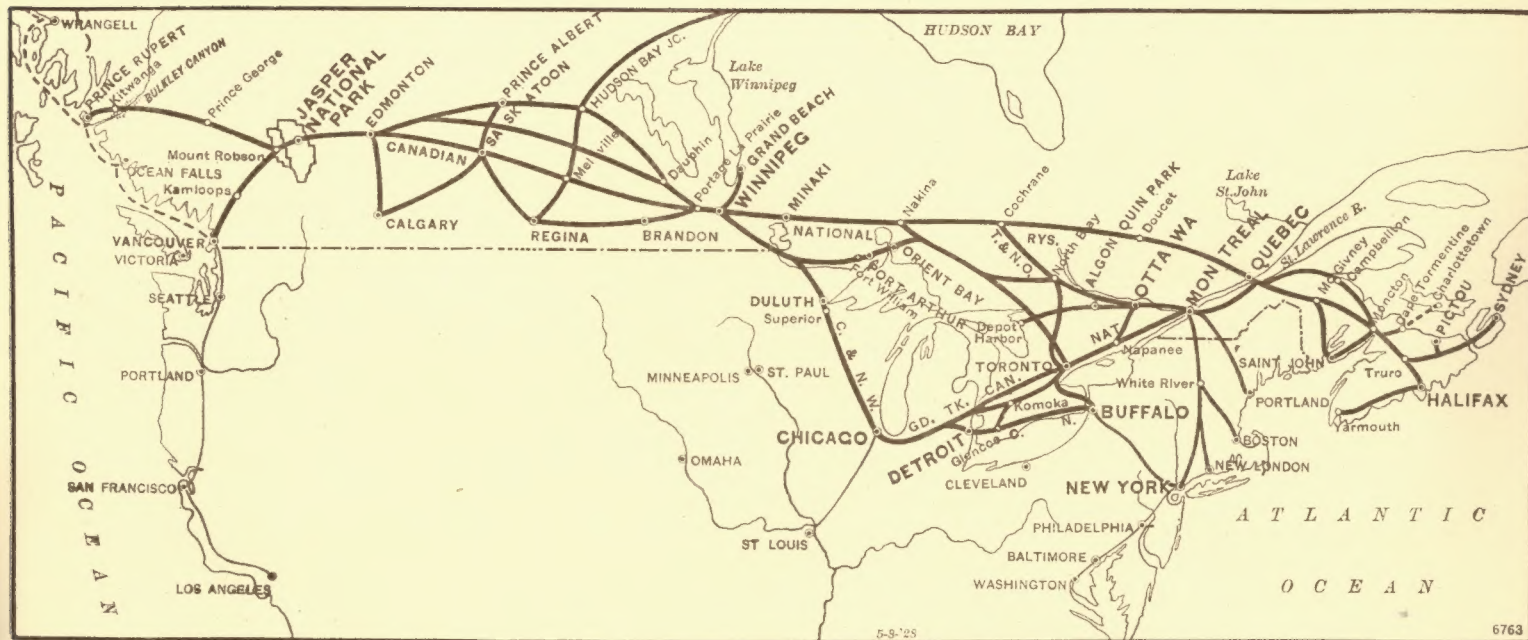


THE WATERS IN THE VICINITY OF MINAKI LODGE AFFORD ITS GUESTS THE FINEST SWIMMING IN THE COUNTRY. AN EXPERT SWIMMING COACH AND LIFE GUARD IS INCLUDED ON THE STAFF.



"HE'S GOOD"—AQUAPLANING NEAR MINAKI LODGE IS GREAT SPORT









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